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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR APPELLATE COURT COMMISSION
Applications Accepted Until Dec. 12

PHOENIX – The Governor’s Office of Boards and Commissions is seeking applications to fill five non-attorney vacancies on the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments. This commission is responsible for recommending to the Governor candidates for judicial appointments to the Arizona Court of Appeals and the Arizona Supreme Court. Its membership is comprised of the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, five attorneys and 10 non-attorneys. Appointed members of the commission serve four-year terms and must be confirmed by the Arizona Senate.

The Arizona Constitution requires non-attorney members of the commission to meet the following criteria:

- Members must have resided in Arizona for at least five years.
- Members cannot be judges, retired judges or admitted to practice before the Supreme Court.
- Members must not hold any governmental office, elected or appointed, for profit.
- Members must have been registered with the same political party, or as an independent, for at least two continuous years immediately preceding appointment.

The Arizona Constitution also prohibits having more than two non-attorney commission members from the same county. The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments currently has two members from Pinal County, making residents of Pinal County ineligible for appointment to the current vacancies. Additionally, a state statute requires the commission to be politically balanced; based on the current composition of the commission, candidates of all political affiliations may apply.

Arizonans interested in applying to serve on the commission may do so online at <http://azgovernor.gov/BC/Application07.asp>. Applicants may also receive an application in the mail by calling the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at 602-542-2449 or 1-800-253-0883. Applications will be accepted until December 12, 2007.

For more information on the Office of the Governor, visit www.azgovernor.gov.